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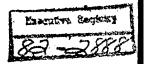
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

SUBJECT: VISA ASSISTANCE FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TRAVELLING TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The American Embassy at Beijing, the People's Republic of China, has been advised by the Consular Department of Foreign Ministry that U.S. Government employees travelling to China on official business, may obtain their visas by applying through the Department of State or their respective agencies to the PRC Embassy in Washington, D.C. or their Consulates General in Houston, New York City and San Francisco directly. Previously, official U.S. government personnel could only apply at the PRC embassy in Washington D.C. U.S. government employees serving abroad can now apply for their visas through the appropriate United States Embassy/Consulate to the local PRC Embassy/Consulate in their respective country.

Consequently, the American Embassy at Beijing will no longer support applications for visas outside the U.S. by notes to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as had previously been the practice.

Official travelers who intend to visit more than one city, must state this on their official itinerary, which must be submitted along with their passport. This will in most cases permit travelers to stop at up to two cities without obtaining permits. Previously it was necessary to obtain permission from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to visit more than one city. Travel permits to additional cities will still have to be obtained after arrival in China.

This memo should be made available to all members of your organization who may travel to China.

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